IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of :

Takashige HIRATSUKA et al. : Attn: APPLICATION BRANCH

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